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FROM: GEN LEMNITZER WASHINGTON
TO: GEN CLARKE CINCUSAREUR, HEIDELBERG
GEN WATSON, USCOB, BERLIN
INFO: GEN NORSTAD, SHAPE, PARIS
NR: JCS 2109-62

1. THE PRESIDENT REQUESTS THAT GEN. CLARKE AND GEN. WATSON EACH PROVIDE HIM WITH A STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO THE BERLIN WALL. SPECIFICALLY HE DESIRES THAT THESE STATEMENTS INCLUDE RESUMES OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY GENERAL CLARKE AND HIS HEADQUARTERS AND, SEPARATELY, BY GENERAL WATSON AND HIS HEADQUARTERS, WITH REGARD TO THE BERLIN WALL FROM THE TIME IT WAS STARTED ON 13 AUGUST THROUGH THE END OF THAT MONTH. THIS RESUME IS TO BE IN REASONABLY SPECIFIC FORM. IT SHOULD INCLUDE IN ADDITION, A POSITIVE STATEMENT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT EITHER ACTION ADDRESSEE DID IN FACT RECOMMEND DURING THIS PERIOD (13-31 AUGUST 1961) THAT THE WALL BE KNOCKED DOWN. IF THERE WAS SUCH A RECOMMENDATION, IN WHAT FORM WAS IT MADE AND TO WHOM?

2. THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES TO BE QUERIED ON THIS MATTER BY THE PRESS AND CRITICAL COMMENTS CONTINUE TO BE MADE BY SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. ACCORDINGLY, THE STATEMENTS MAY AT SOME FUTURE TIME BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS AND TO CONGRESS.

3. REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE REPORTS BE FORWARDED TO ME AND I WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

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